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Juvenile Impact Program Makes Positive Changes for Youths

FRISCO, TX – Next month the police department's award winning [Juvenile Impact Program](#) (JIP) will conduct its 40th session since its inception in 2007. The program works to bring law enforcement officers and corrections personnel together in an attempt to divert youth from future involvement with the criminal justice system. This one-of-a-kind program has been an outstanding success at opening the eyes of juveniles to the dangers and outcomes of poor decision-making.

JIP gives local magistrates an educational outlet for offending juveniles of minor crimes such as truancy to more serious offenses like theft and drugs. "Truancy is a stepping stone for more serious crimes such as drug usage, theft, or burglary," said Officer Tom Attaway who facilitates the JIP. "If we can use the JIP to educate teens about what can happen when they make bad choices, we can hopefully stop them from making poor decisions in the future."

The unique curriculum of the JIP presents eye-opening accounts of life in youth detention facilities, true-life accounts from juvenile offenders who have turned their lives around, and more. "It's a form of scared straight," noted [Frisco City Jail](#) Detention Supervisor Tim Grix. "We put it in perspective; they see what it's really like."

JIP is normally held on the first Monday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the [Frisco Police Department](#). Courts are not the only ones who can refer juveniles to the program, parents can as well. If you are interested in having your child attend one of the Juvenile Impact Program monthly sessions or to learn more about the program, visit the program's web site at www.FriscoTexas.gov/JIP or call 972.292.6040.

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